

REMARKS

Claims 5, 8, 9, 11-16, 20 and 23 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Response to Rejection of Claims 5, 8-9, 20 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 5, 8-9, 20 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Terada et al. (WO 03/052045).

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Terada relates to a cleaning sheet. However, Terada does not disclose the specific material of the cleaning layer. That is, Terada does not disclose a cleaning layer comprising a polyimide resin.

The Examiner takes the position that since Terada discloses polyimide as an example for the backing, it is construed that the cleaning layer then comprises polyimide.

Applicants respectfully disagree. Terada discloses two separate components, a cleaning layer and a backing. Thus, based on a fair reading of Terada, it does not teach a cleaning layer comprising a backing (or comprising polyimide). Accordingly, even though Terada discloses polyimide as an example for backing, there is no teaching or suggestion in Terada to employ a polyimide as a material for a cleaning layer. Particularly, the function of a cleaning layer and backing are different, and thus one of ordinary skill in the art would not use a polyimide in a cleaning layer based on the disclosure of Terada.

For at least the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established since Terada fails to disclose every element of claims 5 and 8.

In addition, each of claims 9, 20 and 23 depend from claim 5 or 8, and thus it is respectfully submitted that these claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as claims 5 and 8.

In view of the above, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

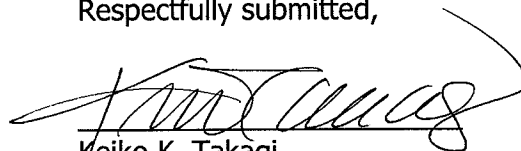
II. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 5, 8-9, 11-16, 20 and 23 is respectfully requested.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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